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Four Die In Car Crash

FOUR SKINHEADS DIED and a fifth was seriously injured in a horrific car crash on the M4 motorway on Friday the 13th of March this year.

Three of those who died, Brian Sheeley, Darren Sheeley and Paul Casey, were members of nationalist skinhead band, Violent Storm. The other person who died, Jason Oakes, was a friend. All were from the Ely area of Cardiff in South Wales.

At the time of the accident they were on their way to Gatwick Airport, ready to fly out to a gig in Valencia, Spain. It is thought that a freak gust of wind in already bad weather conditions forced the car to smash into the motorway bridge.

The only survivor was Billy Bartlett

who was driving the car. Despite wearing a seat-belt, he was thrown through the windscreen and suffered a punctured lung, a ruptured spleen and two broken ribs. Amazingly, he was out of hospital within a week of the crash.

Already, several thousand pounds has been raised for the families of the dead, with the sale of t-shirts and takings from concerts being donated.

The band were half way through recording a debut album before the crash and it will be finished by Billy and a new line-up including the band's ex-drummer, who will be reforming the band in memory of those who died. It will be released later this year on the French label, Rebelles Europeens.

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A FILM claiming to portray "the true picture of skinhead violence" has been released in Australia complete with the usual media skinhead stereotypes.

Romper Stomper may sound like the latest offering from Walt Disney, but it claims to be based on fact and was apparently produced with the help of "ex-skins". The producer also says he sought the opinions of today's skins, but nobody got in touch.

The film follows the usual pattern of recent second-rate American skinhead films like the appalling *So Proudly We Hail* and the equally poor *Skinheads*. *Romper Stomper* features Nazi skinheads fighting Vietnamese youths in what is little short of pure farce, making *Prisoner*

Cell Block H look realistic.

The typical skin in *Romper Stomper* wears 20 hole boots, has a tattooed neck, thick red, white and blue braces, zero intelligence and carries an axe.

The film is destined to end up a poor cousin of *A Clockwork Orange*, but does the skinhead cult no favours along the way. Recent Australian newspaper coverage of Australian skins has gone in for enough sensationalisation of late and with *Romper Stomper* adding to the drivel, the skinhead cult will end up being dragged through the mud once again.

With any luck though, the film will flop and get only limited cinema release in Australia. If it's a success it'll no doubt be polluting a video shop near you soon.

MADNESS PLAY SECRET GIG

MADNESS, who were recently at number one in both the British album and video charts courtesy of *Divine Madness*, played a secret gig in London at the start of April.

The gig took place at the Notre Dame Parish Hall in Leicester Square in front of an invited audience of around 200. The band ran through a 40 minute set, featuring all of their classic hits, and obviously enjoyed being back together on stage for the first time since they knocked The Madness on the head in '88.

The gig was filmed, some say for satellite TV and others for another video release. If the latter's the case, then they'll be expecting fans to buy a video of a gig they

didn't get a chance to see. A rip-off in anyone's book, and probably a figment of the tabloids' over-active imagination.

Whether or not there will be other appearances by Madness still remains to be seen. Certainly if they did come back, they'd be packing venues the world over, but it is unlikely that it will happen - at least until they have freed themselves from past record contracts.

Whatever, it was good to see the band topping the charts again. All 22 of the band's hits are on the album and the videos remain as timeless as ever.

Meanwhile, The Nutty Boys, featuring Chris and Lee, play The After Dark Club in Reading on June 6th.

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•Skinheads in Prague, Czechoslovakia, recently attacked a pro-federal music concert. Japanese tourists have been warned of the dangers of travelling in Eastern Europe following an attack in the same city.

•News of yet another skinhead photobook. This one's due out at the end of '92 so if you want your face in it send your snaps to Double Shot, Komeetstraat 12, 6043 TE Roermond, Holland.

•A penpal service for skinheads, rudies and mods has been started. All you have to do is send your name, address and a few details to Joy, P.O. Box 704, Annapolis, MD 21401, USA., together with a SASE (USA) or an IRC (overseas).

•Norwich's very own skinhead pensioner, Smiffy, reckons you should check out the comic *Smut*. Similar to *Viz!*, but with the added attraction of Everard Edbutt, whose ugly mug you'll find below.



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Beauty Is Skin Deep

A YOUNG CANADIAN GIRL has turned her back on a modelling career because she wanted to be a skinhead. The day she cropped her hair she said goodbye to a basic sixty pounds an hour and a world of back-biting and false smiles.

Zoya Sialtis, 16, had followed in her mother's footsteps into becoming a model and until recently worked for the agency, Judy Welch International.

But from the start, Zoya wasn't sure it was for her. "I didn't think I had a chance, but they signed me up right away. I went through modelling school and completed my training, but then I realised it wasn't for me."

Her personality totally changed and she was continually dieting and dyeing her hair red to suit the in-look. "In fact I became a complete bitch. I'd walk up to somebody I didn't know just to tell them how horribly ugly they were."

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of people were pretty pissed off with me. My mother was almost in tears and my boss from my part-time job fired me.

"The agency was quite embarrassed when they found out. They couldn't believe one of their models would do such a thing."

Before having a skinhead haircut, Zoya had a bob, but a lot of her friends were skinheads including her boyfriend, Mike Cordiero. His record collection gave her easy access to the greatest sounds around and she counts artists like Bad Manners, The Maytals, Symarip and Prince Buster as favourites. Zoya and her mates spend their time like skins the world over - going to gigs, drinking beer and playing pool.

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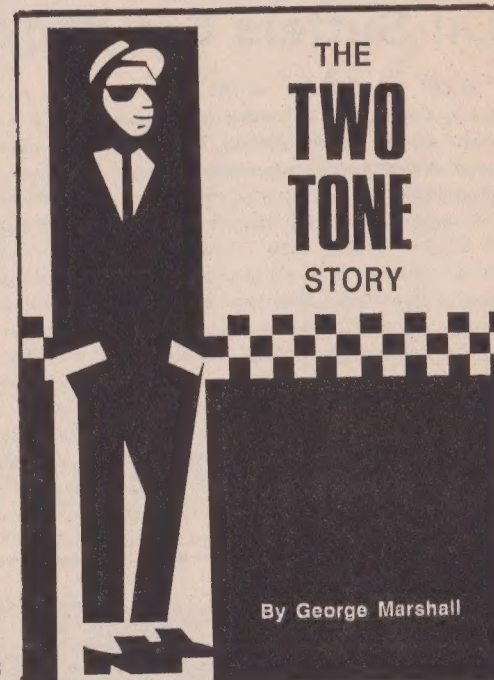
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The dispute arose from claims made in the book *Spirit Of '69* that Mark Brennan, ex-pop star and Streetlink record label boss, had a drink problem. As publishers of the book, S.T. Publishing now admit that they were wrong to suggest the above and publicly acknowledge the error in this apology.

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He realised that the things he liked best in life - ska, Oi!, beer, snappy Ben Shermans and shiny boots - were a passport to a life as a skinhead.

And on that very day, April 13th 1982, a happy go lucky (and drunk) Søren returned to his hometown of Arhus and had his head shaved.

Ten years on, and he's still a skinhead. Along the way he's played in bands like Dunderhead, Stoiker and Free Beer and even got on stage at the Roskilde Festival as a ska dancer.

This special announcement comes courtesy of Søren's girlfriend, Jette, and all his friends.

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"A goldmine of facts, figures and interesting anecdotes" RUDE

Here's a few old books worth looking out for next time you're shoplifting in Oxfam. "Rogue Angels" (NEL 1973) by Peter Cave is one of a series of biker books, but this one has them battling it out with suedeheads. "Today There Are No More Gentlemen" is from around 1970 and has a full chapter on skins and ends with a footnote detailing the rise of a new cult, the crombie boys. Next up is "Gangs And Victims" with a great cover featuring bootboys in crombies and docs. And finally, look out for "Death Of A Bover Boy" from 1975 or thereabouts. Cheers to Kevin Johanssen for the tip-offs and if anyone else has info on books featuring skins let us know.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

THE GILLINGHAM SKINHEAD who was booted out of school for turning up with a number one crop has been allowed back to school.

Max Middleton, who we featured last issue, thanked all the skinheads who took the time to write to his headmaster. "If it wasn't for you and the readers of *Skinhead Times* I probably wouldn't be back at school now."

Following our feature, we were contacted by the school's headmaster, Mr. M.J. Cannon, who said our article was totally inaccurate and that Max had never been expelled. Certainly the letter he wrote to Max's parents told a different story, but we do accept that Robert Napier is not a comprehensive school and

that Max is now back at school. Silly us eh?

The only other point of fact challenged by Mr. Cannon was that Max hadn't turned up with a crew cut as we reported, but with "a shaven head". Not really an inaccuracy since a shaven head is a British crew cut is a skinhead is a crop. They are words used for the same hairstyle. One-all.

We know that Mr. Cannon took the time and trouble to reply to other letters from skinheads in which he described our article as "entirely inaccurate".

Now that does take the biscuit. All the quotes attributed to Mr. Cannon regarding skinheads were taken from a letter he wrote and signed. So maybe the word "entirely" should have read

"slightly".

We did give Mr. Cannon the opportunity to reply in the newspaper just in case we falsely quoted him or on the off chance that he was merely quoting from the school rule book, but we surprisingly didn't get a reply.

We did say however that we would point out that during the last ten years of his reign as headmaster, Robert Napier has been oversubscribed. So he must be doing something right.

However, at the time of going to press we are still waiting to hear if Mr. Cannon is equally proud of the fact that Max is not allowed to attend classes with other pupils because he's considered a bad influence and so spends his time building a greenhouse for the science department. And all this, not because Max smashes up classrooms or joyrides in teachers' cars. But because of the length of a pupil's hair.

Let's just hope our old pal Prince Charles doesn't hear about it. It might give a whole new meaning to the royal phrase, "heads must roll".

Aleix Saterras I Mas from Spain!
Could you get in touch. We got some money from you, but don't know what it was for. Plus the post office reckon you've moved!

DEATH ROW

Only in America . . . two skinheads from Columbia, Maryland, were recently arrested and jailed for disorderly conduct in what a local newspaper described as a "skinhead day of terror".

The two "hairless holligans", Jessie Biffen

THE SUN SAYS

One of the big issues in the recent British general election was health, and in particular hospital waiting lists. And who's to blame for people having to wait for two years and more for operations? Not the politicians, that's for sure. No, it's the fault of all those ex-tearaways who want tattoos removed. Or so the Tory tabloids were claiming anyway.

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Now that does take the biscuit. All the quotes attributed to Mr. Cannon regarding skinheads were taken from a letter he wrote and signed. So maybe the word "entirely" should have read

Mr. Cannon is equally proud of the fact that Max is not allowed to attend classes with other pupils because he's considered a bad influence and so spends his time building a greenhouse for the science department. And all this, not because Max smashes up classrooms or joyrides in teachers' cars. But because of the length of a pupil's hair.

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THE SUN SAYS

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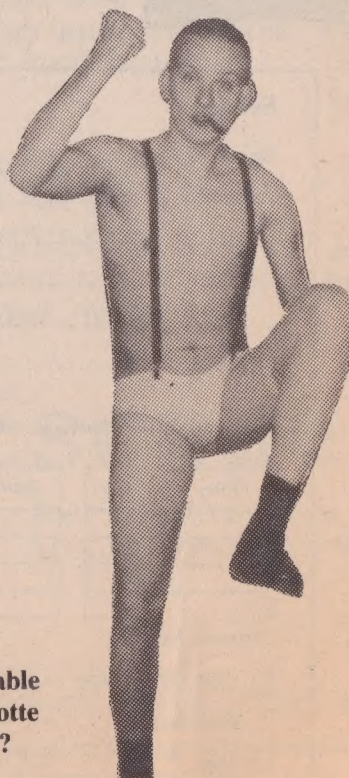
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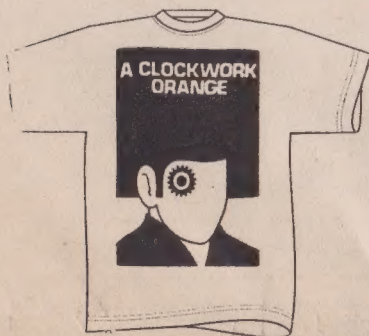
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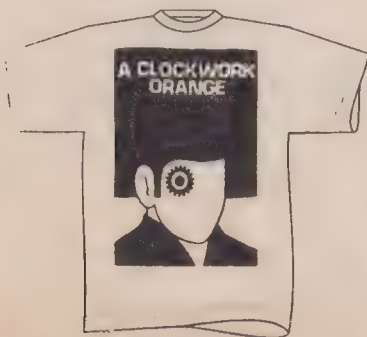
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An Exclusive Interview with Author, Richard Allen

MOST SKINHEADS have at least one or two of his books tucked away in their collection, and I can't believe that there's a skinhead out there who hasn't heard the name Richard Allen and that of his greatest creation, skinhead Joe Hawkins. The fact is, skinhead literature virtually begins and ends with Richard Allen and his now highly collectable series of novels which first appeared more than 20 years ago.

I discovered Richard Allen back in 1978 when I picked up a copy of *Skinhead* at a school jumble sale. If I read it once that summer, I read it a dozen times. A hundred or so pages filled with as much sex and violence as a young skinhead could handle, believe me.

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But despite the success of the series, very little is known about the man himself. In fact after the release of *Mod Rule* in 1980, featuring Joe Hawkins' illegitimate son, Joe Watson, virtually nothing was heard of Richard Allen and his books became confined to the realms of secondhand bookshops.

But never let it be said that we leave stones unturned in our bid to bring you the best features, and so it was that we traced Richard Allen down with a big helping hand from Mark Sargeant of *Scotering*. And not only did we come away with this interview, but with the rights to publish his novels once again as you've probably read on the front page.

Richard Allen could fill this newspaper for the next

Suedehead were in the W.H. Smith's Top Ten popularity rating. Honestly, it was breathtaking."

Of course books that concentrate on teenage mayhem and give glowing accounts of aggro against hippies, Asians and anyone else daft enough to cross the path of characters like skinhead Joe Hawkins and football hooligan, Tom Walsh, don't go down too well in moral circles. And neither does bad language and teenage sex. Remember, the early Seventies were the days of films like *A Clockwork Orange* and *Straw Dogs*, and every do-gooder and his dog was moaning about society's decline. As Richard Allen quickly found out.

"One chain of booksellers removed every copy of the books from sale and others, including a female Member Of Parliament, took me to task for my

writings. Quite a number of moral guardians complained, but I ignored them all.

"This is a bloody vicious world and I didn't invent paki-bashing or those Margate, Southend punch-ups. I'm not the agitator some wanted to hang. The original skinheads were from working class backgrounds and knew all about poverty and insecurity. I could understand their rebellion and that's what it was all about. They saw immigrants 'invade' their homelands, swamp the rag trade sweat-shops with cheap labour, move into their council flats and houses and become owners of corner shops. So, they objected in the only way they knew how - by putting the boot in!"

Even today, trendies love to knock Richard Allen books as trash novels with little basis in reality. It is true that by the time the likes of *Dragon Skins* and *Top Gear Skin* appeared, the story-lines were walking on the wrong side of far-fetched. But then again, I could tell you true stories about skinheads that make Joe Hawkins look like a candidate for the next Pope. And maybe one day when the beer's flowing I will.

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books did manage to trace subtle changes in the skinhead cult that were barely noticed by most other sources. In fact Richard Allen offers the best guide to British youth cults in the Seventies that you'll find anywhere.

"It was not easy, but I decided if fans could buy my books then it was my duty to keep informed about their activities. I made it my business to mingle with them whenever possible but, really, they told me what was always happening. Every new development came to my attention almost before it had time to circulate around the country."

After *Mod Rule*, there was talk of a follow up book with Joe Watson taking more interest in music, but nothing came of it. With Oi! just around the corner, maybe Joe Hawkins could have made a reappearance in time for Southall, but it was not to be. New English Library headed off in other directions after it was bought out, and Richard Allen had other problems, including drinking a bottle of Scotch a day.

"Unfortunately, my health took the wrong turning and this, added to other strains, meant that I had to close the door on new ventures. In fact, for quite a few years I forced myself to become deaf and blind where possible follow on books were concerned. Thankfully I am over that hurdle and, who knows, there could be a Gold Cup up for grabs next year."

Today, Richard Allen's only addictions are to Dorchester menthol cigs and chain-drinking coffee. He still has a genuine affection for the skinhead cult and is as happy as anyone that it's alive and kicking into the Nineties. And that Gold Cup he mentions. Hold on to your pork pie hat because there is every chance that a long-forgotten Joe Hawkins manuscript will be dusted down, polished up and let loose on the skinhead world come 1993. Yeh, Joe Hawkins and his mates are back alright.



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"It was quite typical, really. Some of my editors were having a party in London and one of them, a fanatical Chelsea fan, suggested a book about football aggro. My name was mentioned and since I had a reputation for being able to write faster than most authors, he telephoned me. It was ten-thirty at night and he explained the book was needed within a week. After some discussion I got three more days for research.

"The next morning I drove to London's East End where, I believed, an on-the-spot investigation would enlighten me about this relatively new cult. I found a pub which looked right for the job and, sure enough, some young drinkers were skinheads.

"They didn't like being questioned by strangers, but the moment I told them they were going to be featured in a new book they completely changed their attitude. They bought me beers and verbally fought for top-billing. And I had enough material to start writing!"

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After *Mod Rule*, there was talk of a follow up book with Joe Watson taking more interest in music, but nothing came of it. With Oi! just around the corner, maybe Joe Hawkins could have made a reappearance in time for Southall, but it was not to be. New English Library headed off in other directions after it was bought out, and Richard Allen had other problems, including drinking a bottle of Scotch a day.

"Unfortunately, my health took the wrong turning and this, added to other strains, meant that I had to close the door on new ventures. In fact, for quite a few years I forced myself to become deaf and blind where possible follow on books were concerned. Thankfully I am over that hurdle and, who knows, there could be a Gold Cup up for grabs next year."

Today, Richard Allen's only additions are to Dorchester menthol cigs and chain-drinking coffee. He still has a genuine affection for the skinhead cult and is as happy as anyone that it's alive and kicking into the Nineties. And that Gold Cup he mentions. Hold on to your pork pie hat because there is every chance that a long-forgotten Joe Hawkins manuscript will be dusted down, polished up and let loose on the skinhead world come 1993. Yeh, Joe Hawkins and his mates are back alright.



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And not only did we meet with this interview, but with the rights to publish his novels once again as you've probably read on the front page.

Richard Allen could fill this newspaper for the next thirty years with his stories, and you'd be lapping up every word of it. Like the one about the squaddie in Northern Ireland who used to signal his mates when a new Richard Allen book arrived in the NAAFI. Or the one about the letter signed by an entire class of girls at a Cheshire boarding school, begging him to let Joe Hawkins spend a weekend with them. And from the next issue, he'll be writing a regular column for *Skinhead Times* that'll do just that. But, as he'll tell you himself, he stumbled upon the skinhead cult quite by chance.

"It was quite typical, really. Some of my editors were having a party in London and one of them, a fanatical Chelsea fan, suggested a book about football aggro. My name was mentioned and since I had a reputation for being able to write faster than most authors, he telephoned me. It was ten-thirty at night and he explained the book was needed within a week. After some discussion I got three more days for research.

"The next morning I drove to London's East End where, I believed, an on-the-spot investigation would enlighten me about this relatively new cult. I found a pub which looked right for the job and, sure enough, some young drinkers were skinheads.

"They didn't like being questioned by strangers, but the moment I told them they were going to be featured in a new book they completely changed their attitude. They bought me beers and verbally fought for top-billing. And I had enough material to start typing!"

So, was the legendary Joe Hawkins based on anyone in particular?

"Not really! He was my idea of every skinhead, everywhere. My mother's father was born within the sound of Bow bells and I knew quite a lot about the area and its people. The name Hawkins sounded just right and would have fitted any one of those lads in that pub."

Skinhead went on to be a massive seller, but even more surprisingly given its content, was made recommended reading by the education authority in Queensland, Australia, and formed part of the English Literature examination. Now that will surprise a lot of people, but not as much as the success of *Skinhead* amazed its author.

"For the first six months, *Skinhead* hardly sold a thousand copies. Then, almost overnight, it took off. I was staggered to say the least. The publisher had to keep the presses rolling to meet the demand. As for it reaching the status of being chosen for an English Literature exam - well that floored me. By then of course, *Suedhead* and *Boot Boys* were also breaking sales records. In total, more than two million copies sold and within the same week, both *Skinhead* and



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We have written to Trojan on a couple of occasions recently, but haven't received so much as a press release in return. Still, we're just the mugs who buy their records, like your good selves.

Last month though we did get a letter from Chris Prete who runs TOTAS and who has also been compiling a lot of the albums since Steve Barrow left. He apologises to all the members waiting for the latest *Let's Catch The Beat*, but has had a lot of problems, both at home and with the Society.

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The new line-up has Arthur on keyboards and vocals, Bob on guitar and vocals, Kevin Bowyer on bass guitar, Ian Cheswick on drums, Nick Mortimer on alto sax and Tom Hodges of Intensified on tenor sax. Bob, Kevin and Ian had been playing together as The Maroondogs ("rock n' roll with a smile") and so it has only been a matter of weeks getting a tight sound together.

In fact one of the first things the boys did was go into Bob's studio in sunny Folkestone on the Kent coast to record an album, *In Tents*. So that's number three after *Rare 'N' Tasty* and *Sparkes Of Inspiration*.

"I believe it's the best ska album I have done. When I made *Sparkes Of Inspiration* it was a personal thing: I made *In Tents* for skinheads and ska lovers. It's a fun album and I hope it gets released."

Recording it might have been a dawdle, but getting it released is another story altogether. A year or two ago it would

have been snapped up, but with Unicorn and Ska Records out of the ball game and Skank on hold, life's not so easy. At the moment, the band are trying to interest one of the German labels.

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If you're looking for a few markers, try somewhere between The Riffs, The Busters and Mark Foggo's Skasters and you won't be far away. One way or another it deserves to be committed to vinyl and if a deal isn't to be found there's talk of setting up a Kent-based ska label for Arthur Kay's Originals, Intensified and Maidstone's Apollo 7.

It's almost like history repeating itself because back in '79, *Ska Wars* was ready for release before The Specials launched *Gangsters*, but in the end it wasn't and the rest is well-known, with Arthur Kay & The Originals being filed away in the cult band box. Despite being gutted at the time, Arthur has nothing but praise for 2 Tone.

"I always liked 2 Tone because it turned the whole ska/rocksteady scene into a live thing. Back in the late Sixties, ska was basically a disco thing at clubs like the Ram Jam in Brixton and up west at the Roaring Twenties. For

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Southall spelled the end of a great band who could have gone all the way to the top. "I have no doubt the Resort could have been massive," said Arthur in agreement. "We were right to play Southall. It was our recording output that let us down and we all know who to thank for that."

Back to today. With the waiting to hear back from record labels, some of the initial wind has been knocked out of the band's sails. But as Arthur will tell you himself, he's nailed his colours to the mast and has no intention of throwing in the towel. The band are all set to start gigging again and are open to offers.

Ten years on, and Arthur's still banging away at the door to fame and fortune. Maybe it's about time somebody opened the door and gave some real talent top billing.



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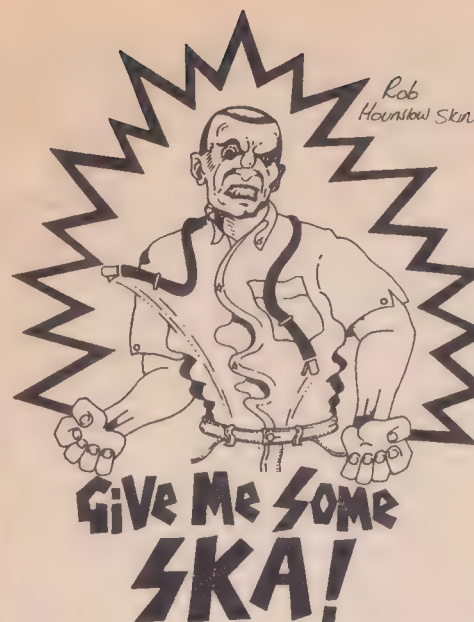
Some late news just in from the Big Apple! **The Toasters** are touring the States now and then head for the studio to record their fourth album, **New York Fever**. And Joe Jackson, Whack Jacko's bruv, will do the final mix. Other news from the Moon stable says that a compilation called **California Ska-Quake** will be out soon featuring **Dance Hall Crashers**, **Let's Go Bowling**, **Crucial DBC**, **The Specs**, **No Doubt** and others including **Hepcat** who have a debut album out later this year.

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IN MEMORY

Some very sad news. **Bob Jones**, lead vocalist of top Oz ska band, **The Allsorts**, committed suicide recently. The band and all his friends were deeply shocked - just two days before he'd been on stage, telling jokes and full of his usual enthusiasm. There's no doubt he'll be sadly missed by all who knew him or were entertained by him. Whether the band will continue has still to be decided, but let's hope they do with their blinding cover of **The Wailers** "Lonesome Track" dedicated to Bob. Take it easy and rest in peace.



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Some very sad news. Bob Jones, lead vocalist of top Oz ska band, **The Allsorts**, committed suicide recently. The band and all his friends were deeply shocked - just two days before he'd been on stage, telling jokes and full of his usual enthusiasm. There's no doubt he'll be sadly missed by all who knew him or were entertained by him. Whether the band will continue has still to be decided, but let's hope they do with their blinding cover of **The Wailers** "Lonesome Track" dedicated to Bob. Take it easy and rest in peace.

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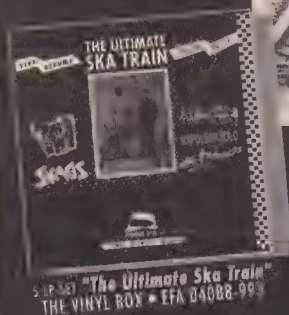
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WHAT A SHAM!

SHAM 69 in Glasgow. The city where Jimmy Pursey said it's the closest he's been to seeing the kids united. Tonight was no different with a tasty mix of skinheads, punks, hairies, casuals and normals all getting on without any bovver.

But all wasn't quite right tonight. Maybe it was the 14 hour drive from Cambridge. Maybe the fans expected too much. But this was Sham 69 well below par. Nothing against The Doors, but I'd come to see Jimmy Pursey not Jim Morrison so why play the same Doors' song twice? And why *Borstal Breakout* twice? Great song but where the hell was *Hurry Up Harry* and a handful of other Sham classics? The crowd gave us one verse, but Sham preferred to play a set of mainly new material or songs from "the middle years". It's not bad stuff as it goes, and the band were tight enough even if they lacked any real power, but there's not a classic among them. Album fillers at best.

Then towards the end of the night on go the lights. Someone's had their throat slashed outside and Jimmy tells us to get our act together. Gig over and plenty of time to catch some soul and ska being spun down the pub. Sham 69? Almost as disappointing as the Gills not going up. Only decent memories were seeing the smile on Richard's face after he'd got him albums autographed after a four hour wait, and meeting the Larne Oi! skins who headed home that night to sign on the next day.



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more of them skins. "This gig was crap. Buster just seems to want to play at being a big pop star. The stage show was non-existent. I don't find the sight of a grossly overweight bloke sticking his tongue out particularly funny. Or worth seven quid."

Edinburgh skin, Scott Robertson, saw Manners through there and thought they were great. Brilliant turn out of skins, rudies and normals to boot. He also rates the Ska B Dogs.

Another good bash was the punk do at the Astoria. Northants skin, Steve, reckons The Lurkers stole the show. 1500 plus people, but only 100 skins who had *Wreck A Nowhere* dedicated to them by the Anti-Nowhere League. Cheap record stall and even some Swedish skins, but beer at £2.30 a can?!

If you go to a gig, remember to drop us a line with your views.

Skins On Film - Bronco Bullfrog

NOT MANY FILMS are universally popular in skinhead circles. *A Clockwork Orange* springs to mind, as does *Scum*, and then of course there's that old chestnut, *Bronco Bullfrog*.

Unlike the other two films though, it's probably true to say that *Bronco Bullfrog*, which was made in 1969, has few fans outside of the skinhead world. For those who have seen the film, that's not so surprising. It was made in six weeks at a cost of around £17,000 (a tiny budget even in those days) and its cast of amateurs didn't need to hold their breaths when the Oscar nominations were read out. First time I sat down to watch it, I actually fell asleep before the end.

But despite all that, this little black and white film will always have a place in the hearts of skinheads, and particularly those who remember the film being released.

The film is set in the East End of London and was filmed in and around the Stratford area. It tells the story of a 15 year old boy called Del who's your typical working class kid. He gets involved in a bit of aggro, but would never make a prize fighter, and although he steals stuff from a goods train, he is no budding Great Train Robber.

Little happens in his boring life until he meets the girl of his dreams, Irene, and local hero Bronco Bullfrog, who is on the run from borstal.

The film was made by a young director called Barney Platts-Mills. He already had one film to his credit, *Everybody's An Actor*, which provided a few of the stars of



Photo taken from the film by John Byrne

Bronco Bullfrog. It was shot in the East End too, and most of the boys involved were more interested in running a protection racket by stealing vital parts of the film crew's equipment than learning the finer points of acting. But as time went on, they got more involved, and by the time *Bronco Bullfrog* came around, they formed the basis of the cast and introduced friends and relatives to fill in the gaps. For example, Bronco is played by Sam Shepherd, his brother Chris played one of Del's gang and his Mum steals the show with her portrayal of Irene's mother, who thinks she's a cut above her neighbours despite her old man being behind bars.

All of the cast were given

scripts, but it's unlikely that they ever read them. Every scene was improvised as they went along with the director telling the actors what was supposed to happen and then waiting to see what did happen. This works surprisingly well and the end result is a film that's funny in places, but perhaps a little too slow. It's not helped though by poor editing and continuity errors.

Nobody in the film actually sports a crop either, but then back in '69 not all skinheads did have a shaved head. Many settled for a short back and sides while others had hair down to their collars and covering their ears. The all-important boots were there though, as are the braces, button downs and crombies.

Just before being released, the film was retitled *Around Angel Lane*, but by the time it reached the big screen it was back to good old *Bronco Bullfrog*. It received quite a lot of media attention for its portrayal of "bovverboys" and so naturally enough, skinheads were first in line to see it.

In London, it went on show at Regent Street's Cameo Poly, but was dropped after 18 days to make way for a royal premiere of *Three Sisters*.

Princess Anne was the royal present, but when she arrived at the cinema she was greeted by 200 demonstrating teenagers, many of whom were skins, demanding the return of *Bronco Bullfrog*.

It wasn't to happen and soon the film was tucked away in the vaults to gather dust.

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Edinburgh skin, Scott Robertson, saw Manners through there and thought they were great. Brilliant turn out of skins, rudies and normals to boot. He also rates the Ska B Dogs.

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Oscar nominations were read out. First time I sat down to watch it, I actually fell asleep before the end.

But despite all that, this little black and white film will always have a place in the hearts of skinheads, and particularly those who remember the film being released.

The film is set in the East End of London and was filmed in and around the Stratford area. It tells the story of a 15 year old boy called Del who's your typical working class kid. He gets involved in a bit of aggro, but would never make a prize fighter, and although he steals stuff from a goods train, he is no budding Great Train Robber.

Little happens in his boring life until he meets the girl of his dreams, Irene, and local hero Bronco Bullfrog, who is on the run from borstal.

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Photo taken from the film by John Byrne

Bronco Bullfrog. It was shot in the East End too, and most of the boys involved were more interested in running a protection racket by stealing vital parts of the film crew's equipment than learning the finer points of acting.

But as time went on, they got more involved, and by the time *Bronco Bullfrog* came around, they formed the basis of the cast and introduced friends and relatives to fill in the gaps. For example, Bronco is played by Sam Shepherd, his brother Chris played one of Del's gang and his Mum steals the show with her portrayal of Irene's mother, who thinks she's a cut above her neighbours despite her old man being behind bars.

All of the cast were given

scripts, but it's unlikely that they ever read them. Every scene was improvised as they went along with the director telling the actors what was supposed to happen and then waiting to see what did happen. This works surprisingly well and the end result is a film that's funny in places, but perhaps a little too slow. It's not helped though by poor editing and continuity errors.

Nobody in the film actually sports a crop either, but then back in '69 not all skinheads did have a shaved head. Many settled for a short back and sides while others had hair down to their collars and covering their ears. The all-important boots were there though, as are the braces, button downs and crombies.

Just before being released, the film was retitled *Around Angel Lane*, but by the time it reached the big screen it was back to good old *Bronco Bullfrog*. It received quite a lot of media attention for its portrayal of "bovverboys" and so naturally enough, skinheads were first in line to see it.

In London, it went on show at Regent Street's Cameo Poly, but was dropped after 18 days to make way for a royal premiere of *Three Sisters*.

Princess Anne was the royal prsent, but when she arrived at the cinema she was greeted by 200 demonstrating teenagers, many of whom were skins, demanding the return of *Bronco Bullfrog*.

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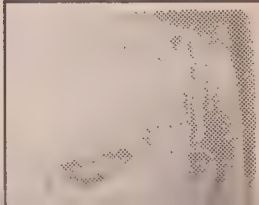
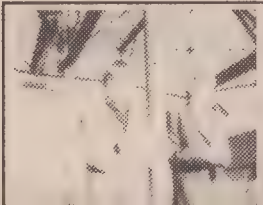
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•**Wanted** - Richard Allen novels:- Mod Rules, Skinhead Girls, Dragon Skins, Bootboys, Smoothies, Skinhead Escapes and Terrace Terrors. Will trade for his other books or buy. Mark, 3/22 Milroy Ave, Kensington, 3022 NSW, Australia.

•**24 year old skinhead** wants to hear from any anti-politics people. No Blood & Honour, Red Action, SHARP etc. Let the extremists fight for the power they'll never get. I despise all politicians equally and think it's common sense to know what's right and what ain't. Anyone interested drop me a line, anyone not well have a beer and keep the faith. Ken Powell, 25 Hazlercroft Gdns, Finglas South, Dublin 11, Ireland. P.S. A big thank you to Aidan Sterling for everything he done the times I was in London.

•**Bands/DJs** required weekly in Norwich on Wednesday nights to cover a wide variety of music:- psychobilly, punk, ska, 2 Tone, reggae etc. Please write or send demo to Joe, c/o The Oval, Dereham Rd, A47, Norwich, Norfolk, England or 'phone Chris Lane on (0603) 748244.

•**TRO-JAN, Germany!** Get ready for love! I'll get back home in July at the latest. Love Susanne.

profficial deal arising as the outcome, please contact Mark at:- No 10, Breakleys Road, Desborough, Northants. NN14 2PT. England.

•**Hello to Andy** (last issue) from a Nuneaton skin, who are you? Also Hi to Shaun "watch that wheel" French. And all the best to Will and 2.9 sitting in a bush in Fermanagh. Keep 'em peeled, stay lucky, see ya soon, Faz, TVSC.

•**Sex, got ya!** The Tonics, Nuneaton band regularly play Nuneaton & Milton Keynes. Play 2 Tone, Ska and revival. Well worth a look in if you get the chance. P.S. Is maggots out there. TVSC.

•**McGina + Laimy**. Get a blood test or see me in court. A Falklands-bound top skin of Plymouth. Love you lots XXXX.

•**How** (Wihingen, Germany) Cheers for introducing me to S.T. Don't work too hard and give the pups a kiss from me. Hope to see ta back in England soon. Keep writing. Seb, Worcester skingirl.

•**American yob**, 23, lonely and bored wants to hear from fun loving skinhead girls from Scotland, Ireland and every-where into ska, 2 Tone, Oi, getting pissed, football (I support Celtic, Sheffield Wednesday and St. Pauli Hamburg), sex, BBQ's and having fun. Photos and letters to Stagger, 6515 12th Avenue NE, Seattle, Washington 98115. U.S.A.

•**If you would like to write** to a 19 year old German boy put pen to paper and start writing now! Age not important! Write to Raphael Lepper, Markgrafenhof 24, W-4650 Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

•**"Brentford" Al Fin**, nay bover about the cash but don't blow it on lager and bacardi. Also to the BBF boys, the U-5's crew, all of the Raglan connection, Monty, Killer and the Reading boys, Rocket Ron and the Flying Squad. Dave Macca.

•**Lonely Rudestkin** (24) seeks skin/rude girl/skinheads in London (or anywhere really) to bring some social into his life. Need drink, clubs, gigs and fun. Into ska, Two-Tone, soul, punk, SHARP etc. All letters answered. Stevan Hergraves, 1229-34-49 Brick St, Mayfair, London. W1.

•**Wanted** Photographs of Skinheads for photo book. Contact Dave, 59 Arlescott Road, Solihull, West Midlands. B92 9HY. England.

•**Non-political Skinhead** will correspond with other skins. Into Oi!, Ska, some Motown and football. Bird/bloke, racist/anti-racist - it doesn't matter. Brian Pollihan, 4149 Fillmore, St. Louis, MO 63116, USA.

•**Wanted!** Oi!, ska and two tone buttons and patches. Will pay a fair price. Stagger, 6515 12th Avenue N.E., Seattle, Washington 98115, USA.

•**Leo Ann**, when are you moving in. It's been long enough! Also hi to Stu and Melissa. From Graham.

•**Ska, Oi and Mod Records** for sale. For a monthly list send an S.A.E. to Detour Records, 11 Oxford Ct, Bepton Road, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9QL. England.

•**Nitty Gritty!** Thanks for doing a great job and good luck to Robert, Magnus and Peter. I hope you complete your store with an also'n'beer section. Good idea, eh! Alex.

•**Wanted** - Busters All Stars LP "Skinhead Luv Affair". Will buy or swap. Also any videos on ska, skins, live bands or the BBC Arena 2 Tone documentary that was on TV in 1980. Get in touch today! Mike Johnson, 50 Highfield Rd, Winton, Bournemouth. BH9 2SG. England.

•**Calling all Ozzies!** I'm going down under in May/June and it would be nice to meet Skins, Rudies, Soul boys there. If you'd like to meet up please write to Frank Bremer, Köpenicker Str. 46, W-2300 Kiel 1, Germany.

•**To the English skin** who was at the ska festival in Ubaach-Palenberg, Germany, wearing a pink Ben Sherman and sheepskin. I really loved your sideburns!!! A skinhead girl.

•**Heath**, honestly, have Notts ever won anything? Now that Taft's a "toon" supporter I reckon you'll be next to sport a blue star. "Romper, Stomper's" a disgrace boys. Someone will have to die.

•**Wanted** - The book Skinheads by C. Ryan. I will pay your price. Please write to - Brian Adelgaard, Gildrovevej 17, 2MF 2635 Ishøj, Denmark.

•**Barry Collett!** Aldershot were too sexy for the Fourth anyway. Come follow the Gills! And where the hell was Kenn Jones with his wet fish sponsorship when you needed him. We should be told. GFC George.

•**SHARP Compilation**. Sorry, I'm moving house, but you can send your info about SHARP to: Apartado Correos 15, 08922 Sta. Coloma de Gramenet, Barcelona, Spain.

•**Maytals singles wanted** and other original ska. Best prices paid. Dave Healy, 46 Mantle close, Rowney, Gosport. PO13 9QT. England.

•**Wanted** "Life On The Red Line" 7" and "Guilty" LP by The Violators. Also Oi! ska bands into going on a widely distributed comp. tape. No dodgy politics. Steve, P.O. Box 253, Oakengates, Telford, Shropshire. TF2 6UH. England.

•**Wanted:** original paperback edition of A Clockwork Orange and Skinhead Girl. State price. Mr S. Ross, Rufflets Hotel, Strathkinness Low Rd, St. Andrews, Fife. Scotland. KY16 9TX.

•**Jeff, Jason Garcia, Deadra** & all the rest (almost) of the L.A. skins. I miss you guys but wouldn't change it for the world. Sherry, James & Ian (Ebert) - love you, miss you. Skins for life. M.P.

•**Wanted.** Anti fascist penpal to keep "out of circulation" skinhead up to date on the outside world. Will write to all. James Sanner, P.O. Box 0238, Crownsville, MD 21032. U.S.A.

•**Wanted.** Isolated, 20 year old, anti-racist Rudie into 90's ska & 2 Tone looking for Rudies for friendship. If you want to help with small ska newsletter send ska stuff (info, photos, articles etc). Martin Zychlinski, Lodz 90-525, UL. Wolczanska 141 m5a, Poland.

•**Any traditional skins** (blokes or lasses) who wants a penpal from Australia write to Andy (age 20) at No. 556899 Sig Parnell, 139 Sig Sqn, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, QLD 4052, Australia.

That's your lot for this issue. Keep them coming and keep them short!

Next issue of SKINHEAD TIMES will be out late July (touch wood) so keep the news, reviews, ideas and beer money coming. This is YOUR 'paper so get involved!

Skinzine Round-Up

I WAS HOPING for a lot more space this issue so that we could give a lot more skinzines a decent length review. They are the life-blood of the skinhead scene and deserve everyone's support. Here's a couple of current goodies plus the addresses of others (don't forget to enclose an SASE or an IRC when writing for ordering info).

Derby skin Mick Shaw has worked on more fanzines than I care to remember, but he's on a winner with his latest baby, **Birth Of A Hooligan**. It's jam-packed with stuff for skins, with in-depth features on bands, football and the like. Issue 2 is just out, with the highlights being an article on **The Trojans** in Japan, an interview with **The Special Beat** plus stuff on **Sham 69**, **Blitz** and **Bob Marley**. The best British skinzine for a long time, content and production-wise, and destined to end up alongside the likes of **Hard As Nails** in the skinzine hall of fame. It's available from Mick Shaw, P.O. Box 128, Derby. DE1 9PX. England., for £1.20/13FF/5DM/\$3.

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Just space for a quick mention of Spanish language newcomer, **Street Rock 'N' Roll**. Excellent debut issue with a lengthy feature on **Sham 69** plus decent news and gig round-ups. If you speak the lingo get it. 200ptes/£1 or the equivalent from Marc T., Ap. Correos 19170, 08080 Barcelona. Spain. Adios amigos!

Other 'zines... **Oi! Crisis**, Lionel Dubois, 273 Rue Turenne, 33000 Bordeaux. France... **Apanga**, 6 Rue De La Paillette, Appt 404, 35000 Rennes. France... **Skintonic**, Postlagerkarte 077 581-C, 1000 Berlin 44. Germany... **Coeur De Lyon**, Montcher, Lentilly, 69210. France... **S.O.S. Bote**, Scheffold, Postfach 2211, 7990 Friedrichshafen 1. Germany... **Black & Blue**, Lemonnier Marina, 3 Rue Du Centre, 17220 St. Rogatien. France... **Dub Catcher**, 118 Donaldson Street, Highland Park, NJ 08904. USA... **Ska**, 284 Earlsdon Ave Nth, Earlsdon, Coventry. CV5 6GX. England... **Rude**, 26a Craven Road, Newbury, Berks. RG14 5NE. England... **Oi 'N' Roll**, Marcin Kopeck, Ul Antoniukowska 19 A/40, 15-740 Bialystok. Poland... **Sub Culture Skinhead**, Andi Springer, Hochgernstr. 13a, 8265 Neuötting/Bayern, Germany... **Tighten Up**, 1 Shah Place, Ramsgate, Kent. CT11 7QD. England... **Clockwork Orange**, Postfach 1718, 8630 Coburg. Germany... **Universal Crew Newsletter**, P.O. Box 4761, Highland Park, NJ 08904. USA... **Skinhead Pour L'Eternite**, BP 20, 94251 Gentilly Cedex. France... **Boot Party**, P.O. Box 146351, Chicago, IL 60614-6351. USA... and more next issue!

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SCOOTER SKINS

No, we haven't forgotten about the idea of a scooter club for skinheads! We mentioned the idea two issues ago and hoped to have it up and running by this issue. Well, what with one thing and another we won't be able to bring you full details until the next issue. Sorry about that. What we can say is that it'll be called **THE WORLD LEAGUE OF SCOOTER SKINS** and we've got a very smart patch in the making.

There will also be a regular column in this 'paper for scooter skins so let us have your news, reports and views on rallies and the like. We are also looking to feature custom -scoots either owned by skins and/or on skinhead themes.

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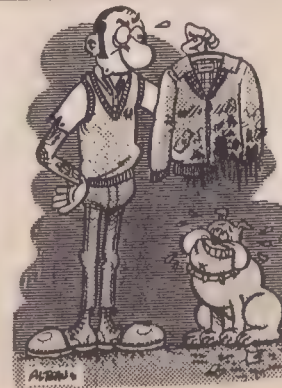
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Skin being arrested at the Euro-Championships in Germany, 1988 (photo by Kostas of the Salonika Skins)



THE SKINHEAD BAR FOOTBALL WORLD CUP took place recently in the luxurious surroundings of the Cricketers Arms hotel in Sydney, Australia.

And look who it isn't in the final? Daft Taff from Edinburgh (light coloured tank top) who fell asleep on the bus home from work and woke up Down Under. His partner is another exile, Geordie Duncan, and despite being Hearts and Newcastle fans respectively, they actually won.

Mind you, that's not so surprising when you hear that Notts Co. fan, Heath "Arnie" Avery was on the losing side. And talk about bad losers. The big man was almost in tears and came close to being the first man alive to have a player sent off in the history of table football. "I'll be back!", he sobbed after walking away with yet another losers medal for the old trophy cabinet. A Bring Taff Home fund has been set up by his friends back in Scotland, but a spokesman for the Libyan government denied that Taff had ever lived there and said we'd need to double our offer before entry was granted.



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